Modernisation of Indian Rare Earths Ltd.

*2. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of modernisation and expansion of the Indian Rare Earths Ltd. at Manavalakuruchi ;

(b) what was the total amount allocated during this year for this purpose; and

(c) what amount was spent during the last year for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Work on the Concentrate Upgrading Plant and modernisation of Dry Mill is in progress and is expected to be completed by April. 1990 and December 1990 respectively.

(b) The allocations for the year 1989-90 are as under:

(Rs. lakhs)

1. Concentrate Upgrading Plant.	275
2. Modernisation of Dry Mill .	350
TOTAL .	625

(c) An amount of Rs. 9 lakhs was spent during the year 1988-89 on the above projects.

Agitation by the extra-departmental employees

*3. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that extra-departmental employees have been agitating since long for better scales of pay and other facilities as available to the regular employees;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter;

(c) if, no action has been taken, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the total number of extra-departmental employees working all over the country, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) Off and on, the ED employees have been agitating for better scales of pay and other service conditions. In 1984, the Government appointted a Committee under the chairmanship of Shri R.R. Savoor to go into various problems of ED staff including allowances, etc. who submitted its recommendations in 1986. On the basis of the recommendations, allowances of EDAs have been enhanced and other facilities also granted. It may be added that the EDAs are not regular employees of the Department, but part-time workers having their main other source of income unlike regular Government employees. They are governed by a separate set of rules. The nature of their employment does not entitle them to be treated as regular employees Savoor Committee has also recommended to continue ED system in the present form. The number of ED employees working as on 31-3-89 was 2,98,320.

Termination of services of junior resident doctors in Delhi

*4. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH ANDFAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of junior resident doctors serving to various

Government Hospitals in Delhi whose services have been terminated by Government recently;

(b) what were the main demands of those doctors;

(c) whether any negotiations are going on with a view to reinstate the sacked doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (d) The number of junior doctors in Delhi hospitals is 2426. Out of these approximately 1500 are junior resident doctors and the remaining are senior resident doctors. The services of approximately 2400 of the junior doctors were terminated during the strike which lasted from 16th May to Ist July, 1989.

The main demands of the striking doctors related to payment of NPA per month; Dearness Allowance on 100 per cent of emoluments; contingency allowance of Rs. 100 per month for junior residents and Rs. 250 per month for senior residents, payment of arrears thereof from 1-1-86 in respect of NPA and DA and 1-1-87 for contingency allowance; treatment of residency period as part of service for all service matters.

An agreement was finally reached between the representatives of Junior Doctors Federation and the Government on 1st July, 1989. As per terms of the agreement all the junior doctors whose services were terminated have since resumed their duties.

Non-Lifting of the samples of Tikki in Tilak Vihar

*5. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a large number of persons becoming food poisoning victims in Tilak Vihar Delhi recently, the Prevention of Food Adulteration Department, Delhi has not lifted the samples of the adulterated tikki or the cooking medium;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the inefficiency of the Department, the food poisoning cases in Delhi are increasing;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take against the Department for not lifting the samples of eatables in the capital;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed on the local health authorities and Food Inspectors of the Department in such adulteration cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (e) On receipt of information regarding the cases of food poisoning in Tilak Vihar, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, took immediate action in the matter. Samples of Tikki which had been seized from the vendor by the police were collected by the PFA Department and sent for analysis. Samples of the cooking medium (mustard oil) and chilly powder used for preparing the Tikki were collected from the shopkeeper who had sold these items to the vendor and also sent for analysis.

The vendor selling the Tikki was arrested under Section 328 IPC.

To detect cases of food adulteration, Prevention of Food Adulteration Department of Delhi Administration lifted 769 samples in 1989 up to the end of June, 1989. In the preceding years, 1542 samples were taken in 1988 and 1660 samples were taken in 1987.